they call[c] coffe,' which is made of a seed much like mustard seed,
which will soon intoxicate the brain, like our metheglin Thej
will not permit any Christian to come within their churches
They have no use of bells, but some priest three times a day
mounts the top of their churches and there -with an exalted
voice cries out and mvocates Mahomet to come in post, for tnej
have long expected him They have wives in number according
to their wealth, two, three, four or upwards as they are able to
maintain them Also they have one thing most usual among
them, yet it exceedeth the credit of our homebred countrymen,
and this is that when they desire to hear news, they have
pigeons that are so taught and brought to hand that they will
fly with letters, fastened with string about their bodies, from
places which are distant a quarter of a year's passage

From Aleppo the company set forwards in the midst of August, and having come to the river Euphrates they passed down the same for three and twenty days, until at length they came to Babylon where they stayed for some time That old tower of Babel is three days' journey from this place and by common report of the inhabitants about the height of Paul's It is not hollow but solid throughout and consists of bricks baked in the sun of great breadth and thickness, interlined with canes plaited like mats which remain much less perished than the bricks

Thence they joined themselves to a * caravan* of Persians (which is a great many of camels laden and men in a company, not much unlike our earners, many in a company here in England), with whom they journeyed in much hazard through the Gourds country, the people whereof are

altogether addicted to thieving, not much unlike the wild Irish, so that every night they did encamp they shly stole more or less from them, watched they never so wanly This people live altogether in tents, keeping of cattle Then they entered into the King of Persia's country and after came nine days to Casbin, where they were right royally intreated Here they were sent for to appear before the King, who welcomed *Sir* Anthony right heartily and would many times confer with him

Of the customs of these Persians noteth that their merchandise and commodities are silks, both raw and otherwise, of all